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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC)
REGIONAL GROUPS FOR TRAINING, EDUCATION AND MUTUAL ASSIS-
TANCE (TEMA) ACTIVITIES

1. ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TO DISCUSS INFO IN PARAGRAPHS 2-9

WITH PEOPLE LISTED BELOW AND REQUEST THEM TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED WITH THEIR COUNTRIES' DELEGATES TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE IOC WORKING COMMITTEE FOR TEMA, 18-23 JULY 1977, NEW YORK. WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS REPORTING REACTIONS BY COB JULY 8.

2. DOC. 12 FOR THE UPCOMING MEETING ON TEMA CONTAINS AN UNEXPECTED PROPOSAL BY THE IOC SECRETARIAT TO QUOTE GROUP IOC MEMBER STATES BY SUBREGIONS ON THE BASIS OF THEIR NATURAL AFFINITIES, UNIFORMITY OF NEEDS (FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS GEOGRAPHY UNQUOTE. DOC. THEN GOES ON TO SUGGEST TWELVE SUCH GROUPINGS OR SUBREGIONS. EACH MEMBER STATE IS ASSIGNED TO ONLY ONE REGION, EXCEPT SOUTH AFRICA WHICH IS NOT ASSIGNED TO ANY REGION.

3. THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE SUGGESTED SUBREGIONS IS QUOTE TO DEVELOP A MECHANISM BY MEANS OF WHICH A GROUP OF

COUNTRIES CAN POOL THEIR HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES TOGETHER IN A WAY THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO FULLY UTILIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THRU INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR NATIONAL EFFORTS UNQUOTE. THIS MECHANISM IS NOT ELABORATED FURTHER. THE DOC. ALSO SUGGESTS THAT AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FOR EACH OF THE SUBREGIONS ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE WC/TEMA AND THE IOC ASSEMBLY, QUOTE TO VOICE THE POINTS OF VIEW OF HIS REGION UNCLASSIFIED

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UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WC/TEMA.

4. DEPT. AND US PERMDEL DISCUSSIONS WITH IOC SECRETARIAT REVEAL THAT SECRETARIAT INTENDS THESE REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS TO RELATE TO TEMA ACTIVITIES ONLY AND THAT THEY APPARENTLY HAD NOT CONSIDERED THE POSSIBLE POLITICAL REPURCUSSIONS OF SUCH A SCHEME.

5. IOC HAS BEEN MOVING VERY CAUTIOUSLY INTO THE REGIONALIZATION OF ITS PROGRAMS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, WITH STRONG CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL MEMBER STATES. NO FORMAL REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES HAS BEEN ATTEMPTED. THE U.S. HAS SUPPORTED THIS GRADUAL REGIONALIZATION AS LONG AS NO IOC MEMBER STATE IS STOPPED FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY PROGRAM IT IS INTERESTED IN. THUS, IN 1975, THE IOC REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT REGIONS WAS ESTABLISHED AS A SIX YEAR EXPERIMENT. THE MEMBERSHIP OF IOCARIBE IS DEFINED AS ALL IOC MEMBER STATES IN THE REGION AND OTHER INTERESTED MEMBER STATES.

A. IOC HAS ALSO HELD A ROUND OF REGIONAL AD HOC TEMA ACTIVITIES ON A NATIONAL AND REGIONAL BASIS. SELECTION OF

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES FOR EACH MEETING WAS INFORMAL (BY SECRETARIAT) AND ALWAYS INCLUDED COUNTRIES (USUALLY DEVELOPED) FROM OUTSIDE THE REGIONS.

6. U.S. VERY CONCERNED THAT DISCUSSION OF THIS DOC. COULD RESULT IN POLITICIZATION OF THE WC/TEMA MEETING AND THAT IT COULD SPREAD TO OTHER IOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND THE GOVERNING BODIES. WHILE U.S. SUPPORTS ENCOURAGING COUNTRIES IN VARIOUS REGIONS TO WORK TOGETHER, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT ADVANTAGES WOULD BE TO FORMALLY DESIGNATING THOSE REGIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE IN DOC. 12 COUNTRIES ARE ASSIGNED TO ONLY ONE REGION AND THERE IS NO DISCUSSION OF ENCOURAGING CROSS-REGIONAL COOPERATION. U.S. ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT HOW QUOTE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES UNQUOTE WOULD BE SELECTED

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AND WHO WOULD FUND THEIR TRAVEL IF THEY WERE DESIGNATED.

7. U.S. ALSO NOTES THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS NOT LISTED IN ANY REGION, WHICH IS INAPPROPRIATE SINCE IT IS AN IOC MEMBRR

STATE. (FYI: THERE IS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE IOC STATUTES WHICH WOULD RESULT IN EXCLUDING S. AFRICA FROM IOC ACTIVITIES IF ADOPTED BY THE IOC ASSEMBLY (NOV. 1977) AND UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE (OCT. 1978). END FYI). THIS OF COURSE IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE TYPES OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS THIS PROPOSAL RAISES.

8. SINCE DOC. 12 HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND THE PRINCIPLES OF INTRA AND INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION ARE GOOD ONES, THIS ISSUE CANNOT BE TOTALLY IGNORED OR DELETED FROM DISCUSSIONS AT THE UPCOMING TEMA MEETING. U.S. THEREFORE HOPES TO DOWNPLAY THIS QUESTION AND AVOID FORMAL DESIGNATION OF REGIONS. U.S. WILL SUPPORT ENCOURAGEMENT OF INFORMAL INTRA AND INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION AMONG ALL IOC MEMBER STATES WHILE MAINTAINING THE RIGHT OF ALL IOC MEMBER STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL IOC PROGRAMS. AS SPECIFIC PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES ARE IDENTIFIED MEMBER STATES CAN INDICATE THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THEM.

9. USDEL TO TEMA MEETING WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF HOST GOVERNMENTS AT THE MEETING.

0. PLEASE CONTACT FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

A. OTTAWA: DR. NEIL CAMPBELL, ENVIRONMENT CANADA AND DR. L. LAUZIER, CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON OCEANOGRAPHY (EXPECT LAUZIER WILL ATTEND TEMA MEETING)

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B. BONN: DR. H. ROLL, COMMISSION FOR MARINE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY. (FYI: DEPT. CONTACTING DR. S. VON WELCK IN NEW YORK, WHERE HE IS ATTENDING LOS CONFERENCE. IT IS EXPECTED HE WILL STAY OVER FOR TEMA MEETING. END FYI)

C. PARIS NESCO: M. ROBERT LEANDRI, CNEXO

D. LONDON: MRS. V. ABRAHAMS OR DR. P. TWINN, NERC

E. TOKYO: PROF. NORIYUKI NASU, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY

F. MOSCOW: DR. VITALI SLADKOV, OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMITTEE OF THE USSR (FYI: USSR HAS BEEN MOST VOCAL OPPONENT OF IOC REGIONALIZATION. WE EXPECT THEM TO REACT VERY STRONGLY TO DOC. 12. END FYI) CHRISTOPHER

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